

JOHN L. BOWMAN ET AL.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 61.]

MARCH 3, 1840.

MR. BURKE, from the Committee on Commerce, made the following

### REPORT :

*The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of John L. Bowman and Enoch I. Noyes, ask leave to submit the following report :*

The petitioners set forth in their petition that they were the owners of the schooner George, of Eastport, in the State of Maine, of 68 $\frac{3}{4}$  tons burden ; that the said vessel was fitted out with the stores and the complement of men required by law, for a fishing voyage to the coast of Labrador, to be gone four months ; that she was regularly licensed at the district of Passamaquoddy, for the codfishery, and for bounty, and sailed thence on the 21st day of May, 1839 ; that said voyage was prosecuted with success, and more than 69,000 codfish were taken ; and that said vessel, encountering a gale, was totally lost, having been absent two months and sixteen days.

The committee, on examination, find that the testimony accompanying said petition fully sustains the statement therein made ; to which is super-added the certificate of the collector of the district of Passamaquoddy, stating that, in his opinion, if said schooner had not been lost, she would have completed the full term of four months, and become entitled to an allowance of bounty.

The committee, therefore, consider that the case of the petitioners comes within the equity of the acts of Congress of March 3, 1819, and May 26, 1824, relating to that subject ; and accordingly report a bill for their relief.

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